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FOR AMBASSADOR KOMER FROM LEONHART

1. Progress report on VC infrastructure attack (COMUSMACV 36438) greatly appreciated here. Significant advances made in concept organization and planning are impressive accomplishment.
2. As backstop effort for geometric yield this crucial program may have Washington agencies concerned have been directed to form small special working group under White House chairmanship. Group charged with accelerating accomplishment anti-infrastructure programs and will act to meet personnel, funding, construction and equipment problems noted highlights.
3. Agree bottlenecks that need breaking soonest are inadequate detention facilities and additional advisor strength. Given long times for qualified advisors, need soonest possible breakout civilian and military numbers advisors for ICEX and its field officers and for detention centers, and required for replacement and expansion/time-phased through CY 1968.

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On detention facilities, you will have obvious money problems on which we will try help. Urge most austere planning, using to maximum tents, indigenous-type structures and detainee labor.

4. Anticipate highest level discussions entire subject here next week.

General Wheeler has made available to me helpful materials General Westmore has sent on ICEX and detention facilities planning. Any further information on civilian-related aspects anti-infrastructure program would be much appreciated particularly on development GVN attitudes toward ICEX counterpart arrangements detention facilities support budgets, and expedited legal processing in accelerate detention program.

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